

## Automobile Races on Los Angeles Circular Track Are Proving a Big Success.

### WEDNESDAY OFFICIAL BASEBALL OPENING

Leaguers Are Ready for the Empire to Call Time for Games.

### CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS

Million People Will See America's Favorite Sport Present Season.

#### NOW, PLAY BALL!

A million people will witness the opening of the baseball season in Los Angeles today. This is going to be the greatest day in the history of baseball in the city. The game has been played here for many years, but never with such a large attendance as today. The game is expected to draw a crowd of over a million people.

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#### BY MANHATTAN.

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## SOCCER FOOTBALL BECOMING POPULAR

Morgan, Old English Player, Tells All About Fine Points of Game.

### FIELD OF PLAY IS AN IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION

Rules Are Such as to Prevent All Rough Playing, and Injuries Are Slight.

#### BY JOHN MORGAN.

The "soccer" or association football game has been boosted in the press of late in a general manner, and I will now, for the sake of the uninitiated, deal more or less with the manner in which the game is played, dealing with the various duties and positions of the players, coupled with some advice to those who are more or less familiar with the game, and who take an active part in it.

#### The Field.

In international matches, the ground is limited to a minimum length of 110 yards, maximum, 120, width 70 to 80, but a good, serviceable ground is 100 by 65 or 70 yards. The minimum allowed by the football association is 100 by 50 yards. In selecting or marking out a ground, it is always best to be generous as regards width, nothing under sixty yards, seventy would be better, even with the minimum length of 100 yards, as with plenty of width it leaves ample space in which to maneuver, because in a narrow field the ball is liable to go out of bounds, thereby causing too frequent stoppages, which spoil the game from the spectators' standpoint. The surface of the ground should be level and firm, and if possible, free from ruts and tufts of grass, or a rough, uneven surface, as it will tend to deflect a pass from its course. The line running across the goals are called goal lines, those running at right angles and meeting them along the sides are called touch lines. The goal posts are called goal posts, and are placed at the ends of the goal line, and are six yards apart. The goal is a net or screen, and is placed between the goal posts and the goal line. The goal is a net or screen, and is placed between the goal posts and the goal line. The goal is a net or screen, and is placed between the goal posts and the goal line.

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ALBERT BRIDWELL. No shortstop in the country is considered superior to this Giant. In addition to being a wonderful fielder, he is a splendid hitter and a fast man on the bases.

### Baseball Games

#### Quakers Lead Series.

PHILADELPHIA, April 9.—The Philadelphia Nationals defeated the Philadelphia Americans today by the score of 6 to 2. The series now stands three to two in favor of the Nationals.

Batteries—Krause, Dygert and Thomas; Maroney, Moran and Check and Doolin; Umpires—Connolly and Moran.

#### Kansas City Wins.

At Kansas City: R. H. E. Chicago Americans, No. 1, 1 5 2; Kansas City, 2 4 1. Batteries—Walsh, Burns, Block; Hallman, Swan, Sullivan, Franke.

NEW YORK, April 9.—Score: R. H. E. New York Nationals, 14 17 2; Yale, 0 4 7.

CINCINNATI, April 9.—Score: R. H. E. Cincinnati Nationals, 5 6 1; Peoria, 4 7 2. Batteries: Beebe and Roth; Wood and Carrigan.

At St. Louis: R. H. E. St. Louis Nationals, 5 9 1; St. Paul Americans, 1 5 2. Batteries—Harmon, Backan, Bresnahan and Phelps; Ryan, O'Toole and Spencer.

At Providence, R. I.—Trinity, 7; Brown, 1.

At Baltimore—Brooklyn, 13; Baltimore, 3.

At Columbus—Chicago, 10; Indianapolis, 3.

At Rock Island—Rock Island, 10; Minneapolis, 3.

At Annapolis—Pennsylvania, 1; Midshipmen, 0.

### CLARKE IS ROBBED OF WINTER CHAMPION TITLE

The Bicycle World says: Although he actually won A. J. "Rocky" Clarke was robbed of the title of "winter champion" at the Velodrome d'Hiver, Paris, Sunday, March 20. The "championship of winter" as the race is called, is the most coveted race annually held at the winter track and attracted all the big sprinters, Clarke among them. Through some stupidity the commissionaires disqualified Clarke in the first heat, and that sufficed to give the race to Friol.

Not in many years has such a scandalous disqualification occurred in the history of the leading French sporting field. "Unfortunately a regrettable incident due to an error on the part of the track commissioners, has robbed Clarke of the title 'Champion of Winter' which he won hands down." Deciding in an absolutely illogical manner, the track commissioners disqualified Clarke because the latter did not feed called upon to give way to a fantasy of Cornes, who persisted in trying to pass him on the inside. Although Clarke was clearly within the red line.

Kentucky 1910 Futurity. By Leased Wire to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 9.—More than 1300 trotting mares, used for breeding purposes, have been nominated in the Kentucky futurity for foals of 1910. The colts will trot as two-year-olds for \$5000 and as three-year-olds for \$15,000, while \$1000 goes to the breeders of the winners.

Foreigners Win Easily. By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, April 9.—Stanislaus Zyzanski had an easy time with Carl Winkler in the feature match of the wrestling card at an amusement place last night, as did Youssef Mahmoud in his bout with Frank Wallace. Winkler defeated Zyzanski by a good exhibition of wrestling, holding out the first time until floored with a head-thrust hold in 2:24. Zyzanski took the second in 6:09 and following with a half-Nelson in 3:42.

## POOR OUTLOOK FOR NEW YORK RACING

Agnew-Perkins Bill Lands Solar Plexus, Which Sounds Death Knell.

#### By Leased Wire to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, April 9.—While racing received two shattering blows in New York state and Canada this week, the outlook in California cleared to such an extent that the most at Emeryville (where the Jeffries-Johnson fight will be held) was the hope of the racing world in June. At the same time the Pacific Coast Jockey club granted the Utah Jockey club a meeting of forty days at Salt Lake City, commencing June 6.

The dark cloud which settled down upon the racing outlook came when the Agnew-Perkins bill, prohibiting oral betting at the tracks, was advanced to the order of final passage. As the principal eastern tracks are in New York state, this hits every course. The only bright ray of hope was contained in the clause that the bill should not become effective until September 1.

In Canada the Miller bill to prohibit betting at race tracks was reported from committee in the Canadian parliament in Ottawa, while enemies of the bill made ready to filibuster and prevent its passage. While these things were transpiring in the east, the supreme court in California handed down a decision declaring that oral betting was legal in California. The racing season in this state is scheduled to open at the Aqueduct track April 15. Already prominent members of the racing club have become alarmed at the outlook.

So many fine plans were made through the winter and so many big purses hung up at eastern tracks that the best race horses in America have been brought here.

### DOG PROVES HERO BY SAVING MASTER'S LIFE

By Associated Press. ELIZABETH, Pa., April 9.—Rover, a collie dog, is the hero of a tale in which the dog's almost human intelligence saved his master's life.

James Parks, Ryer's master, became seriously ill several days ago and could not leave his cabin in the mountains, along the Elk river. Gradually his strength failed him and he began to feel death was approaching.

In his extremity, Parks called the collie, telling a message asking for help about its neck, told the animal to "go." Although the collie had not been away from Parks' cabin for six months, it started out. Yesterday the dog turned up at the home of Parks' brother at this place, and upon being admitted to the house finally by his helping attracted to the message about his neck.

A physician was summoned and made a hurried visit to Parks, whom he found in a dangerous condition. Parks will recover, however, thanks to his dog's intelligence.

### All Are Amateurs.

By Associated Press. LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 9.—Nineteen members of the baseball team at Purdue have signed a statement to the effect that they have never participated in professional baseball. Attached to the statement signed was another statement, which set forth the penalty to be fixed in case a man is proved to have sworn falsely. This penalty is immediate dismissal from the university.

### Prominent Athlete Dies.

By Associated Press. SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 9.—John C. Waller, for many years a prominent figure in intercollegiate athletics, is dead at his home here. He was 36 years old. Waller played on the Princeton football team of 1905, 1906 and 1907.

### GRAND CIRCUIT

By Associated Press. DETROIT, Mich., April 9.—Entries in the early closing events for the grand circuit meeting to be held here August 1 to 5 have assembled the largest fields in the history of both the Merchants and Manufacturers' and the Chamber of Commerce stakes, although the home state from California have not yet been received. There are twenty-eight in the M. and M., twenty-five in the C. of C., and twenty in the Grand Circuit. The four-year-old trot has been declared off.

Entries are as follows: M. and M., 2; trot, \$10,000—Adel Musgrave, Albin, Arco, Arlo Leburn, Ashland Clay, Baron Penn, Bell Dena, Billy D., Bhattell, Captain George, County Jumper, Jean Constantine, Jock, Lady Winter, Little W., Maybel Granett, Oakland, Flohar, O. J. Ormonds, Parthenia, two-year-olds, \$10,000—Robert A. Thistle Doune and Twilight Maiden.

Chamber of Commerce, 2:15 pace, \$5000—Add Ross, Albin Vincent, Almonds, Ashline, Braam, Baughman, Col. Forrest, C. the Limit, Direct Hal Evelyn W., Fred Patchen, Hal Ackin, Ian Bar, Joe McGee, Lady Isle, Lady of Honor, Little Dick, Mary Be, Maxine Dietz, Nathan B., Rona Patch, Sara Ann Patch, Silver Joe, Sister Florentine, The Abbe and The Phoebe.

2:11 trot, \$2000—Adels Margrave, Alce Roosevelt, Bertha C., Charles H., Don Labor, Jean Constantine, Jock, Lady Bryan, Major Strong, May Earl, Melva J., Parthenia, Rosemary Chimes, Sir Blaise, Starle, Stroller, Telemachus and Thistle Doune.

### PUGILISTIC LEADERS ARE MOVING WESTWARD

By Associated Press. NEW YORK, April 9.—The course of big things pugilistic took its way rapidly westward today with Jack Gleason, one of the Jeffries-Johnson fight managers, en route to San Francisco, and John McKeon, who has been representing the Gleason-Rickard interests here on his way to Chicago.

McKeon will stay in Chicago until next Friday, and the fight enthusiasts say, will not make his way further west except in Jack Gleason's company.

Unbusiness on Tex Rickard's part regarding Johnson's plans is responsible for McKeon's trip to the far west with Johnson in tow. The New York agent has been instructed not to leave Chicago for the coast without being sure that Johnson is on the same train.

## EXCITING RACES ON AUTO "PIE PAN"

No Serious Accidents Occur to Mar Sport on Famous Saucer.

### ENDICOTT WINS FIFTY-MILE RACE FROM BUICK

Robertson Travels Ten Miles, Each Under Forty Seconds, in Simplex Car.

#### By Associated Press.

LOS ANGELES, April 9.—One world's record and one new American speedway stock car mark were the extent of the record-breaking on the Los Angeles motorrome today.

George Robertson, in the Simplex, and Caleb Bragg, in the Fiat 90, in the ten-mile free-for-all, reeled off mile after mile under the 40-second mark and completed the ten in 8:53.6, the Simplex winning by a hundred feet.

For seven miles the cars were lapped, it being difficult to tell which led at the wire for the first five miles. Time after time Robertson, who was on the outside, would run high on the track in an effort to sweep down into the lead, but Bragg held on and refused to give an inch. In the seventh mile, Robertson forged a yard in the lead. This was increased to a length in another half-mile, and at the end of the eighth circuit the gap was steadily widening. Pieces of the tread were seen flying, and from thereon it was easy to see the Simplex.

In the record trials not a record was broken. Oldfield coming within 2:00 of a second of beating De Palma's five-mile mark made yesterday. The Benz made five circuits in 3:15.1. Had not a tire gone bad within a sixteenth of a mile from the wire, the record would surely have been broken. This was Oldfield's second trial. On the first, he retired on account of the trouble after making two miles in the sensational time of 1:14.7.

A national speedway record was established by Endicott in the Cole in the 50-mile race for stock chassis measuring 161-230 cubic inches piston displacement. The fifty miles were made in 45:48.6. The former record, made at Atlanta, was 50:38. The race was between the Cole and the Buick all the way. These cars alternated in the lead until the last five miles, when Endicott opened up a gap of a hundred feet. The five-mile, class C, 415-600 piston displacements, was won by Oldfield in the Knox, after Hanshue in the Apperson had held the lead for a mile.

The stock handicap was won by the Ford with a handicap of 2:10, with the Stoddard-Dayton second and the Knox third.

Nothing resembling an accident marred the sport.

Summary: Time trials, one mile—Fiat (De Palma), 78.55 seconds; Fiat (Bragg), 39.25 seconds.

Pico miles—Simplex (Robertson), 3:17.34; Benz (Oldfield), 3:15.1.

Fifty miles, stock chassis, class C, 415-600 cubic inches—Knox (Oldfield), won; Apperson (Hanshue), second; Isotta (Marquis), third. Time, 45:48.6.

Ten miles, stock chassis, handicap—Ford (Hampton), 3:30; won; Stoddard-Dayton (Livingstone), 0:25; second; Knox (Oldfield), scratch, third. Time, 10:10.10.

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## Firing Gun Set Off Next Thursday When Major Leaguers Are to Open Season.

## JEFFRIES STARTS BOXING MONDAY

Gymnasium Is Now Complete, and Former Champion Can Begin Long Grind.

### FARMER BURNS CONFIDENT JIM WILL BE IN SHAPE

Has Worked Out All Soreness and Seems Unable to Get Enough Exercise.

#### By Associated Press.

BEN LOMOND, Cal., April 9.—Jim Jeffries joined the Sunshine society today after several days of gloom, which had led his trainers to fear that he would not readily get back into his old-time form. Today change of mood brought decided reassurance to the colony of trainers and attendants, and the big fellow smiled blandly as he faced the omnipresent battery of cameras as though he saw dark clouds suddenly dissipated.

Jeffries is working at his training routine like a hired man in harvest time, but today he found a few moments to chat pleasantly with visitors and chaff with his trainers. Farmer Burns, trainer-in-chief, was delighted at the change for the better.

"It simply means," he said, "that Jeff has gotten over the first hurdle toward good condition. When an athlete has been out of the game as long as Jeff, the first few days of work are pretty tough on him. Naturally he becomes stiff and sore and is quite likely to nurse a bit of a grudge. Now, however, it is quite plain to me that Jim has worked all the soreness out of his system. He'll be in the best of spirits from now on."

Despite his having been cautioned by Manager Berger regarding the danger of over-training, Jeffries put in the hardest day of the first week's schedule today. Early in the morning he started on a ten-mile road trip, returning to the camp by a difficult mountain trail. His attachment for baseball seems stronger than ever. Although perspiring freely, he followed with a five-round bout with a hastily improvised punching bag hung from a temporary platform. The one-sided bag swung through a parabola like a comet and kept Jeffries lunging much of the time at empty air, but he seemed to enjoy the game, although he did not succeed in making the bag take the count.

The afternoon's work consisted of rope skipping, shadow boxing with light dumbbells, three fast games of handball and tugging and hauling four rounds with Burns and Armstrong.

Jeffries will do his first real boxing Monday. Two sets of especially made gloves reached here today.

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